

## January 27, 2009 Update

### Update for the Hearing Screening (Schools) Rulemaking Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.), Title 9, Chapter 13, Article 1

The current rules implementing Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §§ 36-899.01 and 36-899.02 for the hearing screening of students are located in Title 9, Chapter 13, Article 1 of the Arizona Administrative Code.

The Department had revised these rules and prepared a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to more clearly specify:

- The students who:
  - Are required to receive a hearing screening,
  - May not receive a hearing screening, and
  - May be screened at the discretion of the school's hearing screening administrator;
- When a hearing screening may not be performed for a student;
- How a hearing screening is to be conducted;
- The criteria for passing a hearing screening;
- What a school administrator is required to do if a student does not pass an initial hearing screening;
- When a school administrator is required to notify the parents or guardians of students, and what actions the school administrator is to recommend the parents or guardians take;
- The qualifications of screeners who perform hearing screening for students;
- The standards for equipment used for hearing screening;
- The documents a school administrator is required to retain regarding hearing screening provided for a student; and
- What information a school administrator is required to submit to the Department when reporting hearing screening results, when the information is due, and how it is to be submitted.

Due to the [Governor's Memorandum](#), Regulatory Review Plan, dated January 22, 2009, and published in the *Arizona Administrative Register*, 15 A.A.R. 4, page 241, all action on this rulemaking has been suspended until after April 30, 2009.

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